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Red Rout Claimed By Germans

Centennial Pageant Scores Still Further Triumphs

Ancient Methods of Transporting Tobacco To Market



Three tobacco hogheads showing how tobacco was transported from the Henderson territory to Petersburg, Va., ninety miles away, for sale seventy-five years ago, attracted a crowd of spectators in the Henderson Centennial celebration July 2. The event commemorated the founding of the city by the State Legislature in 1841. Plying with one hoghead was a 93-year-old N. W. a former slave, who helped in this primitive method of transportation in the old days. The hogheads were owned by S. T. Piner, Henderson business man.

—Seaboard Railway Photo.

Army Would Hold Personnel

Marshall Cites Danger

Chief of Staff Asks That Draftees, Reserve and Guardsmen Be Kept In Service.

Washington, July 3.—(AP)—General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, urged today that draftees, reserve officers and National Guardsmen be kept in service longer than one year and asked removal of restrictions which confine the United States armed forces to the western hemisphere.

In a formal report to Secretary of War Stephen M. Duggan, Marshall said that even "in the best" few days are even more forcible indications of the suddenness with which armed conflict can spread to areas hitherto considered free from attack.

Although Marshall called only for removal of the restrictions regarding temporary personnel, such as the selectees and Guardsmen, a War Department official said the restrictions affected the whole army.

Selectees, this official added, have been placed in units with regular men, to whom the restrictions do not apply, thus making the entire unit subject to the restrictive legislation.

Only a comparatively few units are composed solely of regular army personnel.

Marshall was emphatic on the removal of restrictions on military personnel.

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Uruguayan Plan Indorsed

Washington, July 3.—(AP)—The United States, holding that "the safety of the Americas hangs in the balance today," wholeheartedly indorsed the proposal of Uruguay that the 21 American republics exchange specific pledges of "constructive and practical cooperation" for defense.

The indorsement carried an appeal to the other republics to subscribe to the proposal, because the western hemisphere was facing a threat of "aggression without comparison in history." Under the Uruguayan proposal, submitted to all hemisphere republics by Foreign Minister Guani on June 21, the nations would pledge themselves not to "treat as a belligerent any American country, which, in defense of its own rights, should find itself in a state of war with nations of other continents."

Easy Payment Tax Plan Formulated

Washington, July 3.—(AP)—The Treasury department today completed formulation of a plan for collecting income taxes as much as a year in advance.

The program would make the lot of a taxpayer seemingly a little less painful and reward him with a small rebate for paying in advance.

It is the taxpayer's point of view the advantage would be that he could budget his heavier new income taxes now pending in Congress by

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Strike Time Limit Today

Ammunition Factory Strike Threat Showdown Called For by Mediation Board.

(By The Associated Press)

The national arbitration mediation board called for a showdown by 5 p. m. today on a union recognition dispute which caused a strike threat at an important ammunition factory.

Early this afternoon the Western Cartridge Company told the mediation board it was "willing to bargain in good faith" with the AFL Chemical Workers Union, but in

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July 4th, 1941, Gravest In History, Babson Says

By ROGER W. BABSON
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Babson Park, Mass., July 3.—Fast-moving events have led up to this year's crucial independence day and have made it a new landmark in our national history. Behind the headlines of battles won and lost, the war itself at the moment looms as a rough balance between axis land power and

Selons Ask Peace Move

Senate Anti-Administrationists Propose That Roosevelt Make Plea for Peace.

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was urged today by two blocs of administration foreign policy opponents to make a plea for a negotiated peace in the European war.

Senator Charles McNary, Democrat, Montana, and New Republican, South Dakota, voiced the opinion that the President's Independence Day address to the nation would give him an appropriate opportunity for such a message.

A third administration critic, Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, expressed himself in favor of having Mr. Roosevelt explore peace possibilities, but thought this should be done without publicity.

The three senators, in separate statements, took the position that, thanks to the unexpected Russo-German conflict, the time was right for Great Britain to secure a favorable peace with the axis.

There was no expectation here, however, that the Wheeler-Nye-Taft

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EAGLE SQUADRON PILOT IS MISSING

London, July 3.—(AP)—Pilot Of two William Egan Hall of the RAF Eagle Squadron of American volunteers was reported missing from the fray over northern France yesterday.

There have been three previous deaths among the Eagle Squadron.

Extra Night Arranged For Friday

Estimated 3,500 Present Wednesday Night, With Number of Outside Visitors Turned Away; Dance, Air Show Held.

The "Century of Honor" pageant, one of the high spots of the Henderson Centennial, reached new heights and scored its triumph in a second performance of the new Wednesday evening. Attendance had been so large that a third evening was being considered to accommodate those who had been turned away when there was not even standing room to accommodate them.

Because of the unusually large attendance, it was announced Wednesday night that an extra performance will be given Friday night, the evening of Independence Day. It had been planned to close the pageant after its third performance Wednesday evening, but the extra night was considered desirable to afford opportunity to all who wished to see the great outdoor spectacle.

Mayor Henry Powell, in announcing the extra night, said today attendance the second night was around 3,500, or nearly a thousand more than the first night. Extra seats had been provided Wednesday, but these proved inadequate, and numbers of people were turned away because they couldn't get even standing room.

The air show this afternoon at the landing field a few miles east of the city was the last event of the Centennial except the remaining two evenings of the pageant. More than a dozen planes were estimated to have participated with stunt flying, parachute jumps and other feats in the air for the vast crowd, who attended. Travis Geddie was in charge of

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RAF Raids Continued

London, July 3.—(AP)—More of British planes, dropping at day and night assaults on Germany and occupied territory, continued what appeared to be an unbroken daylight attack across the channel today.

While fighters plied the air and water bombers near the air, British bombers, over northern France, following up overnight attacks which the air ministry said were concentrated on the German cities of Cologne, Dusseldorf and Bremen.

The night attack on Bremen, bombed German port and shipping center, was called particularly heavy.

Four bombers were reported missing.

June Shipping Losses Heavy

Berlin, July 3.—(AP)—German sea and air allies on ship leaving Britain's vital sea lanes supplies took a toll of 260,000 tons during the month of June, the German high command declared today, calling it an "expected great success."

Submarines alone destroyed 147,450 tons of merchant shipping, the high command said.

It added that additional losses were inflicted by mines and many ships also were "so badly damaged they either have been completely lost or will be unable for a long period."

In the assault on British commerce lanes and harbors last night, the high command said, the leftwre sank a 3,000-ton merchantman and bombed port facilities on the English southeast and southwest coasts.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday, occasional scattered showers, not so warm in northeast and north central portions.

Nazi Pincers Threaten Reds



This map shows how two sets of Nazi pincers have trapped Russian armies, according to German claims. One is at Riga, the other is in the Vilna-Minsk sector, where the Nazis say they have wiped out more than 420,000 Red troops. Moscow, however, reports that the thrusts at Leningrad and Moscow have been halted with heavy losses inflicted on the Germans. (Central Press)

Nazis State Resistance Is Smashed

Russians Counter With Assertion That Main German Thrust Toward Moscow Has Been Blocked and New Battle Rages.

(By The Associated Press)
Germany's official news agency DNE reported "obstinate resistance" by the Russians on the eastern front late today, a few hours after the high command declared that the backbone of the Red Army appeared smashed along the entire 2,000-mile battle line from the Arctic to the Black sea.

DNE added that bad weather and still Soviet opposition was affecting the conflict, and that snow was falling in the region of Lwow, where the Germans are striking toward the Soviet Ukraine.

(By The Associated Press)

Adolf Hitler's high command declared today that the resistance of the Red Army appeared smashed along the entire 2,000-mile front from the Arctic to the Black Sea and that "stubbornly" "crushed" had broken over the Soviet armies.

While the high command pictured a decisive turn in the twelve-day old struggle, a Soviet communique asserted that the main German thrust toward Moscow had been blocked and that Russian troops were locked with the Germans in a vast new battle on the road to the Soviet capital.

Amid these German assertions, the

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Automobile Output To Be Cut Further

July Fourth Address

Hyde Park, July 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will broadcast a special Independence Day message at 4 p. m. EST tomorrow from a desk in his personal room in the recently dedicated Franklin D. Roosevelt Library.

The speech will be carried by short wave relays, and will cover about five minutes. William D. Hassett, presidential secretary, said it was safe to assume the talk would touch on international affairs, but when asked whether it could be assumed that the address would be rather important, he answered, "I wouldn't say that."

Oil Wasters Face Arrest

Ickes Says Local Laws to be Invoked to Conserve Petroleum In East.

Washington, July 3.—(AP)—Petroleum conservation laws announced today by the War Relocation Authority will be invoked to conserve petroleum in the East by the use of unexpended gasoline tax and other measures.

Conservation measures to combat the predicted oil shortage in the near future, Ickes said, are "going to require something more than regulation."

A law "prohibiting" the use of oil in non-essential uses, Ickes said, is the desired result. He noted that most cities and states had laws or regulations against use of automobiles emitting excessive fumes caused by improper and wasteful combustion.

Meanwhile, the coordinator announced that Secretary of Navy Knox had agreed this morning to put two of the Navy's largest and fastest tankers into service moving oil from the gulf coast to the east, in an effort to ease the predicted shortage. Ickes said the status of operations for the tankers had not been determined.

Ickes met today with representatives of all government agencies having anything to do with petroleum.

Knudsen Warns Automotive Industry Leaders of Limited Materials and Promises Increased Army and Navy Orders.

Washington, July 3.—(AP)—Noting that the automotive industry is in the midst of producing automobiles and other motor vehicles, together with a warning that as essential to production of tanks and other military equipment, a low priority should be given to the production of automobiles and other motor vehicles.

Director William Knudsen, of the office of production management, said a production of about 90 lead cars of the industry last Saturday that indicated the end of the production program for this year.

That they could "stand" the 20 per cent reduction in production, which would mean a 20 per cent cut in the number of cars and other motor vehicles produced.

And that, in compensation, they could expect additional orders from the Army and Navy.

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Crucial Time For Russia

London, July 3.—(AP)—Russia can lose the war or lay the foundation of a revived German defeat at the next 48 hours, informed military sources said today.

If the German armies are given time to consolidate their gains of the first few days of fighting and launch new and more intensive drives on Leningrad, Kiev and Moscow, the Soviets will lose these cities within a week, military sources said today.

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